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1. The Zdar Buh Pit is about 350 m. northwest of the tobacco factory in Jachymov and 500 m. southeast of Hill 896.
2. The pit area and the Bratrstvi Camp are surrounded by a double barbed-wire fence $2\frac{1}{2}$ m. high. The space between the fences is 2 m. wide and strewn with white sand.
3. There are about 200 civilian employees, of whom about 30 are women. There are 800 prisoners in the pit, of whom 450 live in the camp attached to it, and 350 come from the central Bratrstvi Camp.
4. Mechanical equipment of the pit consists of the following:
 - 4 compressors, capacity 6 atmospheric pressure units, with 4 electric motors
 - 8 battery-operated locomotives, Czech
 - 3 diesel locomotives (these only travel in the drift and to the slag heap)
 - 350 drills of various types and 200 reserve drills
 - 550 drill stands
 - 2 Skoda lathes
 - 1 ES planing machine

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- 2 welding machines
- 1 heating boiler, capacity 6 a.p.u.
- 130 electric motors, of various types, held in reserve
- 24 electric motors with Sigmund pumps
- 18 pneumatic winding machines
- 2 shafts
- 2 electric motors, 22-hp., for the main shaft, on the 6th level
- 2 electric 50-h.p. motors in the drift for the main shaft
- 11 electric distributor panels
- 3 vibrating screens driven by four electric 4-h.p. motors and five 12-h.p. motors, in the sorting shop
5. Electric current is supplied on a 60,000-volt cable from the Jachymov sub-station.
6. The sorted ore, in barrels, is taken to the Vykmánov freight station in Tatra-líí freight trucks. A truck goes on an average three times in 24 hours. During the day it takes a trailer, at night it goes without it. At the station, the barrels are opened again, the ore is finally processed, dried, and pressed in the Vykmánov sorting shop.
7. Net monthly wages are as follows¹:
- Head foreman: 6,500-7,000 Kcs.
- Foreman: 3,500-5,000 Kcs.
- Computer: 1,800-2,200 Kcs.
- Office staff: 1,400-2,200 Kcs.
- A civilian face-worker with blasting experience: 3,200-4,000 Kcs. on 100% fulfillment of the plan
- A face-worker who fulfills the norm to 150%: 8,000-9,000 Kcs.
- An unskilled face-worker at 100%: 2,600-3,000 Kcs.
- An unskilled face-worker at 150%: 5,500-6,000 Kcs.
- (The wages of face-workers vary with the hardness of the material).
- A carrier of material fulfilling the norm to 100%: 1,600-1,800 Kcs.
- A carrier of material fulfilling the norm to 150%: 2,500-3,500 Kcs. (varying according to the distance covered).
- A face-worker working on ore and fulfilling the norm to 100%: 6,500-8,000 Kcs.
- A face-worker working on ore and fulfilling the norm to 150%: 10,000-12,000 Kcs.

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8. Management:

- a. The foreman Foltyn (fnu), from Ostrava, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- b. On the 3rd level the foreman is Tkač (fnu). [redacted]
- c. The head foreman is Horaček (fnu), [redacted]
- d. The pit engineer Kravec (fnu), [redacted]
- e. The tasks foreman Brozik (fnu) [redacted]
- f. The commandant of the prisoners' camp is Machaček (fnu) [redacted]
- g. The head of the guard transport department is Kratochvil (fnu) [redacted]
- h. The head of the sorting shop is the Russian Kernichnik (fnu) [redacted]
- i. The president of the works council in Eng. Havrila (fnu) [redacted]

9. The guard towers are not in the space between the fences, but are outside the pit area, and only on the northern and southern sides of the area. There are three on each side, height about 7 m. There is always one SNB guard on each tower. In the gatekeeper's post there is always one SNB guard and one works guard. A two-member SNB guard patrols the mine area and sometimes the pit itself for control purposes. The guards on the surface or in the pit have not been allowed to carry any weapons since one SNB guard shot a prisoner in May 1951.
10. Among the civilian employees the morale is fairly good, because they have fair wages. Among the prisoners it is poor, for their earnings are rather small and most of them are unable to maintain contact with their families.
11. The civilian employees mostly have their meals at home, and only a small number eat in the canteen. The prisoners are fed in their camp.
12. The civilian employees live mainly in their homes in the neighborhood and the single men mostly in the Miners' House in Jachymov, and some in the brigade workers' colony. The prisoners live either in the camp in the pit area, or, in some cases, they come from the central Bratrstvi Camp.
13. On the average of once a week there is a ten-minute political indoctrination period given by a foreman or by the head foreman. The prisoners have political instruction in the camp, which is divided into beginners' and advanced courses. In addition, there are Russian courses, theoretical courses on mining method, a dramatic group, a singers' group, and educational circles.
14. The prisoners' sports activity is unrestricted and volley-ball and ping-pong are played.

[redacted] Comment: Wages and salaries in this report are those prior to the 50X1-HUM currency reform of June 1953.

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Legend to the plan of Zdar Buh Pit and Bratrstvi Camp

1. Tank for compressed air, 6 atmospheric pressure units, height 500, and width 150 cm.
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3. Compressor room with 4 compressors. Brick, height 5 m.
4. Lamp shop, storeroom for lamps and lamp workshop; brick, height $3\frac{1}{2}$ m.
5. Drift which leads to the pit itself. Width $5\frac{1}{2}$ m. and height 3 m.
 - a. The drift is walled with stone, the entrance is concreted. It is about 500 m. long. At a distance of about 350 m. from the entrance there is a depot for diesel engines.
 - b. At a distance of 40 m. from the pit tower there is a pumping station for water.
 - c. At 20 m. from the pit tower there is a branch-off from the drift leading south to the old shafts.
 - d. At the end of the drift, it widens out into a cavern which has been blasted, measuring 10 x 5 m., height about 7 m. In the east side of this cave, there are iron gates closing off the entrance to a further drift where only civilian employees work. This drift is connected by a tunnel with a pit in Germany, at Johangeorgenstadt. In some places along this drift there are gate barriers. This tunnel is being constantly widened and cleared because the pieces of stone which had been left there when silver was mined are strongly radioactive and very often contain high-quality ore.
 - e. The pit tower is about 6 m. high, strengthened on all sides with iron girders.
 - f. The pit has 7 levels in all, of which 6 are directly connected with the main shaft in the drift, and on the 6th level, there is an auxiliary shaft leading to the 7th level, on a blind tunnel leading southeast, about 450 m. from the main shaft.
 - g. The pit is connected by a north tunnel on the 3rd level with the Tomas Pit.
 - h. On the 6th level the pit is connected by a north tunnel with the Svornost Pit.
 - i. On the 1st and 2nd, 4th and 5th levels, there are 172 shafts in all.
 - j. The third level has 37 shafts.
 - k. On the sixth level there are 74 shafts and 23 cuttings.
 - l. On the seventh level there are 11 shafts.
 - m. The Margareta tunnel, leading in a southeasterly direction from the main shaft, is 2594 m. long.
 - n. The tunnel, leading in a northwesterly direction from the main shaft, is 4740 m. long, as far as the Svornost pit (9th level).

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6. Narrow-gauge track to drift.
7. Narrow-gauge track to slag heap.
8. Computers' offices and weighing of the ore. The weighing department is on the ground-floor and the offices on the 1st floor. Brick, one-story.
9. Electrical distributor for the pit with 7 cable leads.
10. Joiner's shop, welding shop, mechanical repairs shop, and offices for the workshops. The western half of this building is ~~one-story~~, the eastern two-story. The offices are on the first floor. Brick, 1-story.
11. Sorting shop: it has only 2 mills, the finished material is put into barrels and is not pressed. The norm is 26 tons per shift and on the average it is kept. The closed barrels are taken to Vykmánov freight station, whence they are transported elsewhere. 48 people in all work in the sorting shop. It is a reinforced-concrete building, height about 15 m.
12. Storeroom for oxygen bombs. Brick, height 3 m.
13. Transformer, height 5 m. 60,000/6,000 volt.
14. Russian villa, in which the single Russians, the head manager of the mine, and his wife and 2 children live. 1-story.
15. Canteen, works council offices. Brick, 1-story; the offices are on the 1st floor, also the canteen. On the ground floor, there is the canteen manager's flat and a store.
16. Canteen manager's flat.
17. Works guard and SNB guard post. Also the marking shop, where the 1st mark is given (a 2nd mark--the wagon-load mark--is issued in exchange for mark 1 in No. 29). In the guard post there is a RUT 1 commutator for controlling exits. Wooden, height 3 m.
18. SNB canteen, wooden, height 3 m.
19. Hut for the transport and guard detachment of the SNB. Wooden, height 3 m.
20. Entrance to pit area.
21. Kitchen and canteen for Bratrstvi Camp. Wooden, height 3 m.
- 22-23. Living huts for the prisoners. Wooden, height 3 m.
24. Lavatories, wooden, height 3 m.
25. Camp administration offices, library, movies, surgery. Wooden, height 3 m.
- 26-27. Prisoners' huts. Wooden, height 3 m.
28. Foremen's and head foremen's offices. Brick, 1-story.
29. a. Marking shop offices, shift control (checking of shifts). Accounts department, accounts department for the computers. Brick, 1-story. Bathroom, cloakroom (all this on the ground floor).
b. In the basement there is a boiler room, a ~~storeroom~~ for coal and a ~~storeroom~~ for office requirements.

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- c. On the 1st floor there is the OTK (Expert Technical Control), the Russians' offices, the cash office, the main accounts department, the main shift control (prisoners and civilians), the distribution of labor department, the pit engineers' offices, the conference room, the works broadcasting station, the telephone switchboard, the sorting shop control.
30. Storeroom for building material (lime, concrete, ordinary and chamotte bricks), barrels, pipes, rails, ventilators, electric motors, rheostats, automatic switches, cables, screws. Wooden, height 4 m. There is a ramp attached to it on the east side.
31. Storeroom for various materials such as cement, lime, mostly waste material. Wooden, height 3 m.
32. Electrical workshop, storeroom for clothes and pit clothes, helmets, boots and rubber linings, drillheads, drills, parts for excavators, electrical requirements. Wooden, height 3 m.
33. Storeroom for wooden building material. Wooden, height 3 m.

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